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15. (As Amended) A packet data receiving apparatus for receiving
the packet data transmitted by the method defined in Claim 1, said receiving
[method] apparatus comprising:

(a) means for detecting a sync for examining both of a fixed pattern
and a variable pattern of a data received; and

(b) means for securing a sync for examining only the fixed pattern,
wherein said means defined in (a) processes the data until the sync is

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secured, and said means defined in (b) processes the data after the sync is secured.

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